

GOD WITH US

The Newsletter of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford

The Season of Lent

Sunday Service of Worship

during Lent, April 6 at

8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

Lenten Event on Wednesdays

April 2 and 9

“Grace in the City,”

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

☞ 6:00: Soup and Sandwiches
Catered by “The Kitchen”

☞ 6:30 - 7:20: Program Speakers
Please see “Grace in the City”
Program Speakers below.

☞ 7:30 - 8: Worship in Nave

“Grace in the City”
Program Speakers

April 2: Faces of Homelessness -
Hands on Hartford

April 9: Christian Activities Council,
The Rev. Edwin Ayala



The photo above is a colorized rendition of the lighted cross that is in the sanctuary of Emanuel during Lent.

Lent Service in the Chapel on Thursdays:

April 3 and 10 at

11:30 a.m.

Join us for Lenten Worship

The Worship Committee invites you to attend the many opportunities for worship and reflection during Lent.

“Grace in the City,” our Wednesday Lenten program, will continue on **Wednesday, April 2 and 9**. Each Wednesday there will be a light supper of soup and bread catered by the Billings Forge Kitchen at 6:00 p.m. From 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. Pastor Corgan will introduce speakers from various ministries and agencies that serve the Hartford community and beyond. From 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. there will be Worship in the sanctuary. If you are unable to attend on Wednesday evenings, there will also be an opportunity for **Worship on Thursday April 3 and 10, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon in the Chapel.**

Of course, we encourage you to continue to attend Sunday Worship every Sunday either at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel or 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Lent is traditionally a season of introspection and preparation. It can also be an opportunity for a new discipline to center our lives in Christ. We hope you will accept our invitation to embrace Lent as a season for renewal and action. Please join us for as many of the fellowship, education and Worship opportunities as you can.

embrace **Lent** as a season for **renewal and action**



Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 a.m. in the Chapel
10:00 a.m. in the Church

Thursday Bible Study

Please join us at 10:00 a.m. in the Adult Classroom of the Parish Building. We'll be studying the texts for the coming Sunday. Please see page 8 for a listing of texts.



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The Mission of Emanuel Lutheran Church
In response to Christ's love we:

Worship God in joyful celebration,

Invite others into this community of Christ,

Serve those in need in the community and in the world,

Nurture all people in faith through Christian education,

Encourage and support one another in Christian living and fellowship.

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Dear Friends in Christ,

At this time of year, particularly, the clear case of the Christian faith is that our well-being, and that of all people and, in fact, that of the whole creation, hinges on Jesus.

That is, the question before us is this: is the Christian story of Jesus' life, death and resurrection just that, and only that, a story.....a nice story made-up to mollify people who can't and won't deal with the harsh reality of dying? Many today are quick to dismiss it as nothing more, . . . Or . . .

Or . . . Can we trust the Biblical Word that declares something unbelievable as true, to be true for us, as actually part of our human history, that one who lived among us, as one of us, changed everything? As I've said to you before, it is an either/or proposition - either it did happen or it did not. Jesus either died and was raised from the dead and lives, or it never happened. There simply is no in-between on this one.

The good, great news for us, humans, is that God declares the following to be true and enables us to believe it and trust it by giving us faith. Think about it, isn't what appears as unbelievable to us here, in fact, what we humans all yearn for, dream of, hope for - life, not death, as the final word of our existence?

As we think about these matters, I invite us all to read and reflect on the following passages of Holy Week and Easter. As we do so, may the Spirit renew our faith in the Risen and Living Lord Jesus.

Once Dead - from the Good Friday Account in John:

²⁸After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." ²⁹A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Now Living - The Resurrection of Our Lord in Matthew:

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.

²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him.

¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Pastor Corgan

Welcome Home Sunday, May 4, 2014, 10:00 a.m.

As part of our 125th Anniversary celebration, **we're inviting all former members and friends to "come back home" to Emanuel for a special Sunday of worship and fellowship.** Please spread the word far and wide, invite anyone and everyone who has ever had any connection to this congregation to join us all on Sunday, May 4th! We look forward to a great day of remembering, rejoicing and reaching out to one another with Christ's love!



The lighted cross was a meaningful symbol during Lent for many members growing up at Emanuel and those visiting. In honor of the 125th Anniversary members can experience the presence of the lighted cross in the sanctuary during Lent. It is our hope that during worship you will focus on the lighted cross and the meaning it has in our lives

The Johnsons and Parmelees



Sunday School News

by Natalie Bloomquist

Baskets of Promise – Sunday School Lent Project continues.

- April 6 – metal nail clippers
- April 13 – check our website or Facebook page on April 9 for a list of which items are needed to complete the personal health kits. Let's make sure we have as many kits as possible to help people stay healthy in life's most challenging situations.

First Communion Instruction

- The second class will be held on April 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the upper level classroom for 3rd graders and their parents and anyone who is interested in learning about and preparing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.
- First Communion will be received during evening Maundy Thursday worship on April 17.

April lessons:

How do these stories help you understand God and how God works in our lives?

April 6 (Fifth Sunday of Lent): The Greatest Commandment. Jesus tells us to love God and love our neighbors. Matthew 22:34-46

April 13 (Palm Sunday): Holy Week. Jesus defeated death and sin on the cross – his death means life for everyone. Matthew 21:1-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66

April 20 (Easter Sunday): No classes.

April 27: The Great Commission. All disciples can teach like Jesus. Matthew 28:16-20

April 27: PreK-K students visit the Children's Library.

Prayer for the Month:

Dear Jesus, thank you for loving us. Help us love others. Amen.

Confirmation News



ConfirmCamp at Calumet in New Hampshire April 25-27!

by Natalie Bloomquist

The excitement is building – not just for the youth but for me as well. It is a joy to be able to bring our confirmation youth to Calumet to enjoy the beauty of God's earth and fellowship with other New England Lutheran middle schoolers. I especially look forward to the transformation that takes place.

On the way up, the conversations in the car are exactly what you would expect of early adolescents – flavored by the music they listen to, the "stuff" they have, the Xbox, computer or smart phone games they play, the television or video programs they watch, the stress of sports and academic competition. What's happening on Facebook weaves in and out of the conversations, and it usually isn't pretty. Expressions of fear and frustration over not having the comforts of home are overheard.

And then when they arrive for a weekend in retreat at Calumet, they are away from those distractions, they find themselves in a place where it's not only safe to talk about God but it's actually cool and fun. And then the tone of the conversations changes. The topics of discussion center not so much on material things or personal gratification but on concern for each other and for others. Consequences of words and actions are reflected upon and lyrics and plot lines are examined. There is room for God.

And they are so happy...take a look at a few of the happy faces from last year's retreat. And please keep us in prayer as we travel to and from Calumet and as we experience God's beauty and grace during ConfirmCamp.



Some reminders:

- **8th Graders:**
 - will be measured for their robes on April 2;
 - are preparing their Faith Reflections (information will be handed out on April 2);
 - must make an appointment with Pastor Corgan for the Interview (schedules will be available on April 2).
- 8th Grade Only Nights are May 14 and 21.
- Confirmand, Family and Prayer Friend Potluck is May 28.
- Affirmation of Baptism is June 1.

Sunday School Parents: This year you will find your Family Page in your email box each Sunday. Don't miss these helpful talking points and activity ideas for helping your children make meaning of the day's Bible story and for engaging in meaningful faith conversations!

Parents of Toddlers

If your child has or will turn three years of age in 2014, he or she may be ready to start Sunday School at Emanuel. Please feel free to contact Natalie Bloomquist if you have any questions.

Brighten someone's day by taking our beautiful altar flowers to them!

Each Sunday after the late service, we try to make arrangements for the delivery of the altar flowers to our hospitalized and/or shut-in members. Claudia Bellis and Brook Nowak do a great job with our flower ministry. If you'd be willing to help on a Sunday with a delivery, please look for Claudia or Brook in or near the Luther Hall kitchen. Thanks. You'll surely brighten someone's day!

Please take a copy of the *Tentative Calendar of 125th Anniversary Events*, which is on aqua blue paper in the back of the church and in Luther Hall.

If you'd like to get involved with ideas or planning for this year's 125th Anniversary of Emanuel Lutheran Church please contact Judy Johnson at 860-953-3064 or rjmets@sbcglobal.net.



Apostle is derived from the Greek word, pronounced *ap-os-tol-os*, which means *messenger*, or *ambassador*

WANTED: 21st Century Apostles, to serve as Assisting Ministers - no fishing license required!

Job Requirements: The desire to serve the congregation of Emanuel Lutheran and to lead the congregation in prayer. No age limits. No experience necessary. Employer is willing to train.

We are looking for a few good men and women who are willing to serve our congregation in the role of Assisting Minister. The Assisting Minister's main role is that of *intercessor* – that is to lead the congregation in reciting the Creed and praying for the concerns for the whole world, the Church on earth and the people gathered for worship. The Assisting Minister also helps with the celebration of Holy Communion and Baptism. It is a role of honor to serve our Lord and to assist our congregation in that service.

You might ask, "Why me?" "Why should I volunteer?" Or you might say, "That's too scary!" "I don't want to stand in front and have *everyone* looking at me!" "What if I make a mistake?"

"Why me?" In the Evangelical Lutheran Church, all of us as baptized Christians are called in one form or another to be ministers of our faith by serving God and one another.

"Why should I volunteer?" Each of us has unique gifts to give as ministers of our faith and for those whose gifts include leadership; this is a role that provides the volunteer with an

opportunity – the opportunity to serve as an intercessor for our community of faith by leading the prayers of intercession and facilitating the congregation's response. In this role as a servant leader you will deepen your own faith as you lead others on the journey of faith we share together.

"What if I make a mistake?" We all make mistakes, but most likely – no one, but you will know. Each time you have the opportunity to serve in this role, you will grow in confidence and ability. You are not alone; you are guided by the *Holy Spirit* who works through the faith of our community.

By offering your gift of leadership, you will be filled with a grace and blessing that comes from giving and receiving God's word in the name of Jesus.

If you are interested, please contact Janice Favreau either by phone: 860-978-1681 or email at: jefavreau@cox.net

A training session will be scheduled May 10, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lounge of the Parish Hall. Come and learn more about the role of Assisting Minister. *If Jesus called you today, what would be your answer?*

Membership at Emanuel

For those of you interested in becoming members of Emanuel, we'll be receiving our newest members on Sunday, May 18 at the 10:00 a.m. service.

If you're interested, please contact Pastor Corgan (at 860-525-0894 or john.corgan@gmail.com) for details.

Holy Week

AT EMANUEL

Holy Week will be here soon.

Don't forget Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem on **Palm**



Sunday, April 13 at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel and 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

On **Maundy Thursday, April 17**, we will celebrate *The Last Supper* at **12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.**

On **Good Friday, April 18**, we will remember Jesus' passion and death on the cross at **7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.**

On **Easter Sunday, April 20**, we will rejoice in Jesus' triumph and resurrection at **9:00 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.**

A Thank You Note

These past several months have been challenging for my family and me during my cancer treatments. Every card, call, visit, and act of kindness was certainly the Love of God shining through some tough days, thank you all for your support for Helen and me I never felt alone during this time knowing that God was with me, and continues to strengthen me as I heal. A special thanks to Pastor Corgan for his calls and visits.

As a lot of you know I elected not to have surgery after many tests came back showing the cancer treatments had been successful, but there is always the possibility it may return. I will be closely watched over the next few years by my Oncologist at UCONN. Again thank you all for your support during these past several months, I feel so blessed.

-Bernie Johnson

A Thank You Note

My sincere thanks for your calls, cards and visits during my recovery from surgery. Each one meant so much to me, and gave me a real "boost." I am blessed to have such caring friends.

-Karin Stetson

The Blue Sheets

Thank you to all who make good use of the blue "Welcome to Emanuel" insert sheet on Sundays. The office has received great responses to volunteer opportunities as well as important information that's passed on to the pastors and other staff members.

Please do make frequent use of these blue sheets. They really do serve as an excellent means of communication for us as a congregation. One request: if you have a comment or suggestion, please be sure to include your name, so that we can respond in a helpful way. Thanks!

"Christ in our Home"

Be sure to look in the back of the Nave, near the Guest Book outside the Chapel and in Luther Hall on Sundays. There you will find the April, May, June complimentary issue of *Christ in our Home*, a wonderful devotional that offers daily opportunities for reflection and prayer. Each day provides a short Bible text with a brief, thoughtful message and simple prayer. It is especially helpful to read the texts and reflections written for Friday, Saturday and Sunday of each week as they prepare the reader for the lessons and Gospel texts that will be read in worship that Sunday morning.



The Property Committee in charge of Coffee Hour on March 16! From left to right: Ross Smith, Burt Hedling, Mike Nowak, Rick Berg and Gary Troutman.

Spring Work Day, April 12

Can you spare a few hours? Emanuel's Spring Workday will be held **Saturday, April 12 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon (rain date is April 19)**. There are numerous small indoor and outdoor jobs, from raking up after winter to small upkeep or repair projects. Clean-up/fix-up materials will be provided. See Mike Nowak or Bernie Johnson, of the Property Committee for any questions. Hope to see you then!

In an Emergency. . .

Don't hesitate to call Pastor Corgan on his cell phone 860-712-1895 if you need assistance. If a power outage or storm condition threatens your safety, please call Pastor Corgan. We have a church family, ready and eager to help. You're not alone.

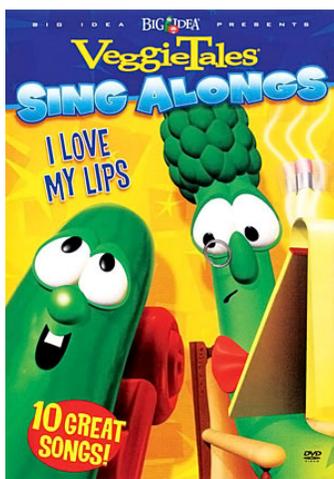


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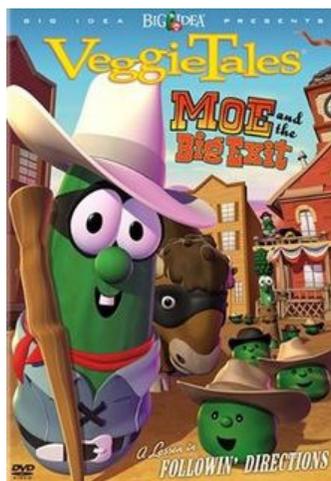
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13 Passion/Palm Sunday 8 and 10 am Services of Holy Communion During the 10 am service: Sunday School After each service: Bake Sale for World Hunger in Luther Hall	14 7 pm: Executive Committee Meeting in Conference Room	15 10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson Deadline for "God With Us"	16 No Confirmation Class 8 am - 4 pm: 4-H Group at Emanuel in the gym	17 9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30 am: Crafty Painters in Luther Hall No Bible Study Maundy Thursday Services at 12 Noon and 7:30 pm: At the 7:30 service: First Communion	18 Good Friday Service at 7:30 pm	19 10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym
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27 Second Sunday of Easter 8 and 10 am Services of Holy Communion During the 10 am service: Sunday School Youth home from Confirmation Camp	28	29 9:30 am: Staff Meeting 10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson 4:30 - 7 pm: Emanuel to Provide MANNA Meal at Christ Church Cathedral	30 6:30 pm: Confirmation Class			

Children's Library News

Much to the delight of both children and library staff, our collection of VeggieTales keeps growing. "I Love My Lips" contains 10 super silly sing-along songs from favorite Veggie adventures. In "The End of Silliness?," Archibald Asparagus has canceled Larry Cucumber's silly song program. Will a very sad Larry get his songs back or is it the end of silliness?

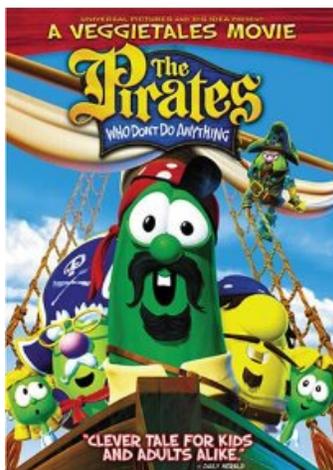


Moe (aka Larry the Cucumber) is living the good life as a cowboy when all of his kin are working hard digging bones in the Grand Canyon. Moe asks the mayor to let his people go, but the mayor refuses. Will Moe be able to free his people from bondage? Find out in "Moe and the Big Exit" and learn a lesson about following directions.



Three favorite VeggieTale stories about lions, shepherds and queens can be found in "Heroes of the Bible!" Larry the Cucumber (as Daniel) learns that even in the lion's den, he is still in God's hands. Junior Asparagus (as David) finds himself fighting a REALLY big pickle. In the end, David learns that it doesn't matter how tall you are because with God's help, even little guys can do big things. Finally, a small-town girl wakes up and finds that the fate of her people is in her hands. Can Esther find the courage to do what is right? This final story teaches that you never need to be afraid to do what is right.

A delightful new full length VeggieTale movie is "The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything." Favorite VeggieTale



characters are whisked back to the time when pirates ruled the high seas. They must help a brave princess rescue her brother from a pirate villain. As they fight evil cheese curls, rock monsters and their own fears, they become the most unlikely heroes you have ever seen. You will find this DVD a swashbuckling good time for the entire family!

Also from the creators of VeggieTales, we have another Larryboy adventure in "The Yodelnapper." As the world's

greatest yodelers are kidnapped, Larry must come to the rescue and he teaches an important lesson about greed.

The library now has over 100 overdue books and DVDs. We ask that if you have overdue materials, please return them so others may enjoy them. Thank you.

Bible Readings for the Month

April 6 Fifth Sunday in Lent

1st Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
2nd Lesson: Romans 8:6-11
Gospel: John 11:1-45

April 13 Passion/Palm Sunday

1st Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
2nd Lesson:
Philippians 2:5-11
Gospel: Matthew 26:14—27:66

April 17 Maundy Thursday

1st Lesson:
Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
2nd Lesson:
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Gospel: John 13:1-7, 31b-35

April 18 Good Friday

1st Lesson: Isaiah 52:13—53:12
Psalm 22
2nd Lesson:
Hebrews 10:16-25
Gospel: John 18:1—19:42

April 20 Easter

1st Lesson: Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
2nd Lesson: Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

April 27 Second Sunday of Easter

1st Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
2nd Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9
Gospel: John 20:19-31



News from Vicar Jane *A Dog's Life and Grace*

Life with a border collie can be challenging at times. Stella always has more energy than I could ever muster. In fact, that is one reason why a border collie is my favorite dog breed. I know that with a border collie to care for, I will be walked and exercised regularly. Like the mail carriers at the James Farley Post Office in New York City, "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays [Stella] from the swift completion of [her] appointed rounds." It's a challenge to keep up with her. Our walks are vigorous, and they hardly count in Stella's framework if they are less than a mile or two.

Stella hears immediately whenever I get up from my chair, and no matter where she is in the apartment, she comes immediately to my side, wagging her white-tipped tail vigorously and panting eagerly as if to say, "I'll go with you! Where are we going? I'm ready and let's go right away!" When I take out her leash, she becomes even more energetic. Getting her to sit so I can connect her to the walking end of the leash doesn't happen automatically.

But one of Stella's most endearing characteristics is her habit at bedtime to watch me carefully as I get ready for bed. She follows me into the bathroom and watches me brush my teeth and

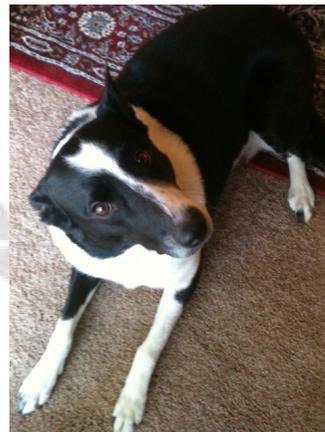
then back to the bedroom as I lay out my clothes for the next day. By bedtime Stella can actually show signs of fatigue, but she will not fail to be at my side unless I tell her quietly, "Stella, you don't have to watch me go to bed. You can go ahead and go to bed without me."

Stella reminds me of the actions of God. God is excited about our world and is eager to be a part of our daily lives. Sometimes we think of God as being in a distant space called heaven, but God is like my border collie. God is ever present to walk with us. As Lutherans we frequently speak of grace in describing God's actions in our lives, and Emanuel has made grace the theme of our Lenten celebrations.

I hope that one take-home message from this Lent is that grace doesn't come to us once with forgiveness and new life. No, grace is a dynamic force in our lives that we have access to daily, hourly, minute by minute and second by second. Grace

is, indeed like my border collie - ever present and ever giving its life to us. This free gift from God can take on energy in our lives at any time, day or night. Because of grace, we can call on our God who is ever present and interested in us and in our world.

John 1:16 tells us, "from his [Jesus'] fullness we have all received, grace upon grace." (NRSV) In other words, grace is like the inexhaustible energy of my border collie, Stella. It doesn't tire, and it is always ready to go with us. Grace brings surprises into our lives. Grace assures us of God's love. God's grace is with us as we struggle with the challenges and joys of life, with our belief and disbelief. When we receive God's grace, we enter into a new life that is grace-filled. God accompanies us, continually pouring out upon us grace upon grace. Thanks be to God!



**Stephen Leaders - Who Are They?
What & Why Are They?**

Dr. Elizabeth Kieschnick, our Senior Pastor Corgan, and our Visitation Pastor Marschhausen joined 800-plus other church leaders and pastors from around the country and from dozens of Christian denominations at a Stephen Series Leadership Training Course (LTC) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania last August. “Even though we came from such a wide diversity of Christian backgrounds and geographical locations,” Pastor Marschhausen said, “we were amazingly united in mission: learning how to bring Jesus’ love and care to hurting people.”

The fully-loaded and fast-paced week-long training course began on Sunday evening, August 11, and concluded the following Saturday at Noon. One of the participants compared the event to “trying to get a drink from a firehose” because there was so much to absorb in seven days. Everything was so well organized and presented, however, that it made it possible to keep up. And the 3000-page *Leader’s Manual* that each participant received at the conference walked everyone through the entire Stephen Ministry system.

Stephen Leaders are those who will direct Stephen Ministry in our

congregation. They are the ones who will recruit, select, train, and supervise *Stephen Ministers*. The *Stephen Leaders* are also the ones who will identify people with needs for care and match them with a *Stephen Minister*. The *Leaders* are also the ones responsible for building and maintaining the awareness of Stephen Ministry both within Emanuel and in our community.

The training that Elizabeth and our two pastors received at the LTC differs from the 50 hours of Stephen Ministry training within a congregation because the LTC focuses on the administrative and supervisory aspects of Stephen Ministry. The *Stephen Minister* training that we will offer in the Fall here at Emanuel will focus on the actual caregiving skills *Stephen Ministers* will use in their caregiving relationships.

Our three *Stephen Leaders* look forward to the training classes for *Stephen Ministers* because the individual gifts and strengths of the *Stephen Ministers* will bring a new and deeper dimension to Emanuel’s caregiving and will make for a stronger ministry for everyone in our congregation.

At the Pittsburgh LTC, Emanuel’s *Leaders* also enjoyed establishing a relationship with *Stephen Leaders* from

Trinity Episcopal Church, Hartford, and Emanuel Lutheran Church in Manchester. Our three congregations are discussing how we might work together on the 50-hour *Stephen Minister* training program and Trinity Episcopal is hosting a “Stephen Ministry Workshop” in April to which all interested members of Emanuel are invited. A “workshop” is a 1-day, Saturday event designed to provide information and encouragement to individuals and congregations who interested in getting involved with Stephen Ministry.

If you would personally like more information about Stephen Ministry, how to become a *Stephen Minister*, how to receive care from a *Stephen Minister*, or the details about the workshop at Trinity on April 26, please contact any of our *Stephen Leaders*, Elizabeth Kieschnick, Pastor Corgan, or Pastor Marschhausen.

Stephen Ministry is a Christ-centered ministry that belongs to the people of Emanuel Lutheran Church. Your *Stephen Leaders* are confident about – and committed to – what God can do through this ministry, and they encourage Emanuel’s people to pray for, to support, to turn to, and to become involved with Stephen Ministry in whatever way you can.

Tutoring Volunteers Needed

The Tutoring Program at Sarah J. Rawson Elementary School is in need of additional tutors. The reality is that the number of Kindergarteners, 1st and 2nd graders in need of help in language

development and reading far exceeds the current available tutors. Tutors can work with one or more children for ½ hour each for 1 day, 2 days or 3 days a week. The program provides tutoring packets appropriate to the child’s level so that tutors have lots of support in their

efforts. It is a rewarding experience for the children and tutors alike. For more information please contact Rae Ann Gremel or Glenna or Chet Brodnicki.

Thank you.

~Looking Ahead~



Congregational Picnic Sunday June 15, After Worship

The picnic will be held at Church Hill Park in Newington (off of Main Street). We have reserved the pavilion area which is covered and has grills to cook on. The playground and softball field are also reserved.

The Picnic Committee members are David and Wendi Johnson, Michael and Jen Johnson and Peter and Becki Murphy and their families.

It is Father's Day and a destination for all of the Dad's out there. Being a member of Emanuel is not a requirement. All are welcome.

It is hoped that all of you will support this event and join us for an afternoon of relaxing, eating and playing together. It is for the young and the old - everyone.

Look for additional information in the May issue of "God With Us."

ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response

Approximately 2.2 million people in the Central African Republic are in need of humanitarian assistance due to insecurity and intense violence occurring in the country. **What you can do: Please pray and consider a gift.**

Give by Mail

Lutheran Disaster
Response
39330 Treasury Center
Chicago, IL 60694-9300

Give by Phone

800-638-3522

Give Online:

<http://www.elca.org/>

MANNA Meal Set for April 29

MANNA is a program of Hands on Hartford that serves and ministers to people in need in the city of Hartford. On Tuesday, April 29, Emanuel is responsible for providing a dinner for approximately 100-120 individuals at Christ Church Cathedral, on the corner of Main and Church Streets in downtown Hartford. The dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. Needed are ten people to prepare a casserole at home and bring it down to Christ Church Cathedral that evening (or leave it at church if you are

unable to help that night); five people to make two dozen cupcakes, and many to serve and clean up. The hours are approximately 4:30 or 5:00 -7:00 p.m. If you are able to prepare a casserole, a pan and the simple recipe will be provided to you.

This is a wonderful opportunity for a hands-on experience to really feel that you are helping those less fortunate. If you are able to help, please e-mail Wendi Johnson at wendilj@cox.net or give her a call at (860)257-1038 or (860)977-8022. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Tentative Calendar of 125th Anniversary Events

April 13, Palm Sunday

Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale

April 20, Easter Sunday

May 4

Welcome Home Sunday

May 31

Bach Magnificat Concert

June 1

Affirmation of Baptism
(Confirmation Day)

June 8

Emanuel's Birthday Party for the
Sunday School in the Gym

June 15

Congregational Picnic for
young and old!

July 17

Senior Luncheon, "Rejoicing"

August 31

Youth burying Time Capsule

September 28

Taste of Emanuel Coffee Hour

September 28

Anniversary Cookbook debut/sale

October 25

Annual Harvest Holly Craft Fair

October 26 - Reformation Day

Bishop Hazelwood preaching
and Anniversary Luncheon

November 16

Recognition of those doing God's Work!

December 5

St. Lucia Festival and Reception

December

Senior Luncheon, "Reaching Out"

Anniversary Steering Committee

*Judy and Roland Johnson, Co-chair
Arlene and David Parmelee, Co-chair
Pete Larson, Treasurer
Ellen Anderson, Secretary
Eric Carlson
Judy Larson
Becki Murphy
Abby Stadlander
Scott Tibbo*

Church Council Highlights

February 2014

Church Council Meeting Highlights

During the Senior Pastor's report, Pastor Corgan provided several important updates:

- Seven intern candidates were interviewed during the "intern match" sessions at Gettysburg. The results of the match will be announced in about 2 weeks.
- Several members of the congregation attended the open meeting of the 315 Capitol Ave. task force and various ideas such as young adult ministry were shared and discussed. Pastor reported that Retirement Housing Corp. (RHC), the new owners of Capitol Towers, may be interested in converting the property into a Single Room Occupancy (SRO) facility to house veterans or homeless people. The SRO would be staffed and would be eligible for significant government grants for renovation costs and for ongoing staffing. The task force will pursue this idea further with RHC.
- In March the task force to explore the practices of effective churches will begin their work. Mark Hollertz, Keren Paquette, and Eric Carlson have volunteered to join the committee of Chet Brodnicki, Terri Dwyer and Bob Graulich and Pastor.

Emanuel's new treasurer, Pastor John Marschhausen, reported that February was low for service offerings (income) so \$10,000 was transferred from the endowment to support cash flow. He also reported on other efforts underway:

- As mandated by the Constitution, it is the responsibility of the treasurer to provide a financial statement. Pastor Marschhausen is working toward this for the first quarter of 2014.

- As directed by the Council, fund accounting is being implemented. It will be a lengthy process which will be done using a phased approach.
- The Investment Committee met with Fidelity and conveyed their satisfaction with reporting and performance relative to the Sandberg Mission Endowment fund. They also met with Merrill Lynch (which handles Stadtlander Ministry, Capital Needs, and all other endowment funds) and expressed displeasure with the 2013 losses and fees and with past communications/information. The investments will remain as is for the next three months to see how they perform. Last year's February 2013 motion, tabling the original investment recommendations of the Capitol Towers proceeds task force, was acknowledged and will be revisited in the future.
- Pastor Marschhausen introduced a resolution to authorize signature changes relative to Emanuel's accounts with Webster Bank, Fidelity Investments and Merrill Lynch Wealth Management. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Business

Where Are We Going? Pastor Corgan encouraged Council members to participate in the opportunities with Dr. Lose. The discussions Dr. Lose will lead related to declining church attendance, the effects of the digital age on the life of faith, and preaching and worship in today's environment, are totally relevant to Council's efforts.

President Hopper encouraged members to share ideas of what Council should aim to accomplish in 2014. Several spoke in favor of completing some of the major projects proposed (i.e. air conditioning, organ renovation) with the

funds remaining from the Capitol Towers proceeds. It was noted that Council committed to bringing recommendations for the use of these funds back to the congregation for approval. The full ideas list (generated by individuals and committees) will be re-circulated so that Council may begin work on this. Other goals for 2014 included initiating a relationship with Kairos Associates to work with us on growth and stewardship, and focusing on good business practices and staffing.

Audit Process: Pastor Marschhausen introduced the need for an Audit Committee which is separate from the Finance Committee. He presented a motion for an addition to Emanuel's Continuing Resolutions that establishes and defines an Audit Committee.

In summary:

- Emanuel's Treasurer is responsible to the Council for all audit activity.
- The Audit Committee reports directly to the Council independent of all financial officers, committees and task forces.
- The Treasurer and Senior Pastor are responsible for recruiting members for the Audit Committee which may range in size from 2 to 5 members. No committee members may be current financial officers or members of the Finance, Endowment or Investment committees.
- The committee is responsible for the conduct of an audit of Emanuel's financial records for the calendar year prior to its election. The scope of the audit (full professional audit, professional audit review, or internal audit review) will be determined by the Council.

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Church Council Meeting Highlights

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- The Audit Committee will receive the full support of all officers and committee chairs in securing documentation and information necessary to perform the audit.

The motion was seconded and Pastor Marschhausen was thanked for his work on the detailed resolution. It was noted that this is all consistent with ELCA recommendations. Pastor Marschhausen stated that management and control practices will be the focus of the next full audit. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously. It was also noted that an audit of the 2012 books was not done.

Other business updates:

- Planning has begun on the facelift for the men's restroom in Luther Hall.
- The Building Committee met recently and reviewed the committee charter. Mark Hopper is committee chair, and Ken Weiber will serve as vice chair and Jane Wunder as secretary. Recently updated cost estimates on project options (elevator addition at rear of parish building, connector with and without the elevator) have validated the general finding that the rear elevator is most expensive; however, it is not as expensive as previously thought and warrants further discussion. Proposals for a new architect are in progress (C J Lawler has retired). Construction approaches and scheduling were discussed, with agreement to incorporate a construction management approach and to target a late 2014 start.
- On March 25, Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. rather than 7:00 p.m. As always, members of the congregation are welcome to attend Council meetings.



Emanuel Seniors Together Bake Sale for World Hunger

**Palm Sunday, April 13
in Luther Hall**

Please come to our Bake Sale on Palm Sunday and help us raise money for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal!

Would you like to help us out by baking? Please follow these guidelines to ensure a successful bake sale:

- Home-made items only. No bakery or store bought items.
- Wrap and identify all items.
- Items should be normal consumer sizes and quantities.
- Drop-off time is Saturday, April 12, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. in Luther Hall.
- Contact Janet Starkes with any questions at 860-561-2897.
- Have fun, be creative and know that your work is important in our efforts to fight world hunger.

Volunteer Opportunities on Sundays

If you are interested in volunteering to be a Coffee Hour Host, Greeter or Lector, please contact the coordinators below.

Coffee Hour Hosts: Eleanor Doyle,
860-561-1582

Greeters: Eileen Mitchell, 860-688-4867
or gemitch@comcast.net

Lectors: Lynn Sherman, 860-523-1702

Thank you Eleanor, Eileen and Lynn for your service to these important ministries.

Birthdays and Anniversaries are noted each month for persons who are:

- 80 years of age and every year thereafter.
- Married for 50 years and every year thereafter.

Special Emanuel Birthdays During April!

Susan Johnson - April 1

Burton Hedling - April 7

Pauline Cochrane - April 8

Donald Ahlberg - April 10

Dorothy Bloomquist - April 20

Alice Henry - April 28

Special Emanuel Anniversaries During April!

Dr. and Mrs. William Bronson - April 3
60th Anniversary

Large print worship bulletins are available each Sunday morning. Please let an usher know if you would like one.

The Samaritan Fund

Just to remind you, the loose offering received on the first Sunday of the month goes to the Samaritan Fund. The Samaritan Fund, administered by Pastor Corgan, is used to assist people in need.

Ryan Clancy

Coordinator of Youth Activities

Ryan's contact information:
rmclancy101@gmail.com or
207-408-9935.



2015 ELCA Youth Gathering July 15 - 19, 2015

If you are interested in your son/daughter attending the Gathering, please contact Diane Durant at 860-953-4918 or via e-mail at DDurant5@cox.net. We need to get an estimate of youth interested in attending the Gathering for planning and fundraising purposes.

Modeen College Scholarships

Modeen Scholarship Applications for High School Seniors and College Undergraduates are now available through the church office.

- If interested please contact Karen in the office:
office@emanuelhartford.org or
860-525-0894. She will email or mail an application to you.
- The application and official transcript must be sent back by email or postal mail to Rosie Vojtek.

Email: rvojtek@edovation.com

If you are e-mailing an application, please put "Modeen Scholarship" in the subject line.

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Postal Mail:

Mrs. RoseAnne Vojtek
64 Old Cider Mill Road
Bristol, CT 06010

The Application and an official transcript (sealed in envelope, not printed from the internet) must be received by June 1, 2014. Please make sure the transcript includes the courses and grades from your spring semester. Late applications will not be considered. (In the event an official transcript is not available by June 1, 2014 you may submit an unofficial transcript with the application, HOWEVER, an official transcript must be received prior to the scholarship being awarded.)

All applications must be signed by a parent or guardian to be considered.

Please make sure your parent or guardian has seen your application.

Also, you must include an active email address and a phone number where we can reach you if we have questions.

Rosie Vojtek and other committee members will be at church in Luther Hall on Sunday, May 4, 2014 from 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. to answer any questions you may have about the Modeen Scholarship. If you are at church that Sunday, please stop by and introduce yourself. You may also send any questions you have to Rosie Vojtek at this email address:
rvojtek@edovation.com.

Again, please put "Modeen Scholarship" in the subject area. You may also call her at 860-582-8663.

To be considered for the Modeen Scholarship you must:

- Be a member in good standing of Emanuel Lutheran Church (have communed and made a recorded financial contribution in the past year).
- Attend a 4-year college full time, both semesters, in 2014-2015.
- Have a grade point average of 2.5 or above.
- Complete 10 hours of service to Emanuel Lutheran Church or for a church member(s) during the 2014-2015 year.

From Pastor Corgan About Our New Intern

I am very pleased to announce that Emanuel's intern for 2014-2015 is Dominic Smyth. Dominic is a native of Liberia and a student at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Dominic will be married in May and then join us here in August.



A Reflection on Emanuel's History

by the Reverend Roger Rotvig

A lot of things went on in the life of Emanuel in 1972. An important one that seldom gets mentioned is that you opened your doors to the newly organized Lutheran Services Association of New England, now known as LSS.

LSA was the initial concept of merging all existing Lutheran social service locations and personnel under a common 6 state umbrella corporation. Augustana merged its 3 nursing homes, adoption and community services into LSA. The ULCA merged its one nursing home and miscellaneous services. The LCMS merged its shelter for delinquent juveniles and the elementary school for them as well as extensive Pastoral counseling services. The ALC had no legal entity in New England but through their Atlantic District, they too joined LSA.

The first Executive Director called to LSA, was Pastor Roger Rotvig, then pastor at neighboring Grace Lutheran on Woodland Street. The need for new corporate offices was the first priority, and Emanuel opened its doors to the agency. Betty Fairchild was its first secretary, and the staff at Emanuel made us feel very welcome, as well as Pastor Statlander, Laura Tibbo and others whose names escape me now.

In 1974, Emanuel arranged to have the Mission duplex, on the Hartford Seminary campus, made available to LSA. That remained its headquarters until 1989 when it was moved to Framingham, MA. Other prominent local people who served as LSA Executive Secretary were Jean Ebb, whose husband was Pastor of Our Savior's in Newington, and after her, Dorothy Jensen of the same parish.

That building has an added connection with my ministry in New England. Coming from Minnesota to Caribou, Maine in the summer of 1956, my first Augustana Conference was hosted by Emanuel. During the conference, the delegates went to the Seminary campus for the dedication of the Emmy Ewald Missionary residence. Attending that dedication, I had no thoughts that the building, having outlived its purpose for housing Lutheran Missionaries on sabbatical, studying at the seminaries fine missions program, would be my office for nearly 15 years. For a number of years I was a member of Emanuel and 2 of my 4 children were confirmed there.

I spent 17 years working with LSA/LSS. We began with an operating budget of 1.5 million dollars. It was 23 million when I retired to Maine and first met Pastor

Corgan, who was then Pastor of Holy Cross in Kennebunk, Maine. He and his family became very much a part of our lives. When we heard that Emanuel might possibly call him as senior pastor, we strongly encouraged him to consider it. And finally, our infant LSS is now among the strongest and most diversified in the entire Lutheran System. Its budget last year was 69 million. Thank you, Emanuel.

The Senior Luncheon at Emanuel on March 13. Clockwise from the front/left: Pauline Cochrane, Vicar Jane Mountain, Eileen Mitchell, Ann Louise Swanson, Sue Wilson and Abby Statlander.



2014 Easter Plant Order Form

\$18.00 each - Deadline is Sunday, April 13, 2014

In Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Person responsible for payment: _____

The Emanuel Archives

Some new things of our past that we still value today; the busy church of the Stadlander/Sandberg years - 1975 into 1976.



by John Starkes

It's Tuesday and I begin writing this article for the second half of 1975 that we'll start with the month of May; the LCW Holiday Fair workdays begin for the October preparation of "Harvest Holly" and Lucia displays of beautiful crafts from cotton materials to wood and paint that may have been gathered from ideas the ladies of Emanuel may have dreamed of or seen with vacation trips about the Northeast, or to Sweden; kept in a pocket for half a year like a sugar-plum just waiting to be created as the materials of mass production sets up somewhere at church that becomes an Ace Hardware shop for a day that has a post of coffee as a fine substitute for turpentine. Production has become so vast now that the shop has moved to a larger plant in Newington. No value can be placed on all the wonderful returns this labor of love has given for our church to realize as friends to fill dreams, dreams in countless ways that still continue better each year. Men can move pews, but can they put thread in the eye of a needle?

There was a clothing appeal for Lutheran World Relief, a huge tag sale held by the Hi League youth to raise funds for a "Work Week" in Washington, D.C.; I've noticed it included a 24-hour "Rock-a-thon" that probably raised a "lot of dust" down there, and Mom was glad back home that the kid's closet finally got cleaned out!

The LCA held their 1976 convention in Boston with our Pastor Sandberg appointed as Chairman. Some of Emanuel's members were involved with a resettlement effort with LIRS (Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service), a family from Vietnam, KY KIM TUOC, his wife and four children arrived in Hartford. Sponsored by Emanuel, the church had pledged to find housing, jobs, and other assistance necessary to get the family established.

I was happy to find mentioned a unique social group of adult couples, members of Emanuel, called "Home Builders." Their

purpose was to build social relationships within Emanuel's younger married members. They celebrated a 25th anniversary with a dinner dance in the church gym/auditorium. Not related, I don't think, a Hunger Meal was also held at Emanuel about that same time with admission charged - a full bag of groceries for the Hartford Food Pantry. Interestingly, Emanuel's youth held a "Fat-a-thon" for World Hunger, not too hard for them as most are picky eaters anyway! Somewhere in all this "food talk," perhaps our Sunday communion used real bread instead of wafers??

Earlier we had read of the LCW and their church fair, "Harvest Holly," for funds that would support Emanuel's efforts. So how pleasing to write of the LCW's underwriting the cost for redecorating the Narthex and Chapel of Emanuel. Of course this probably included new carpets, some furnishing and lighting along with the paint. But I look at the really great improvement of not only paint and carpets for the Narthex, but also the enlargement when the old coat closets were removed and neat new racks provided, providing space furnishing, comfortable seating for those that needed assistance for a little privacy for worship; such a nice place to visit after the service with Pastor.

How much the Narthex has added to our start and final point of music from the voice of our choir, weddings of joy, funerals with words of farewell, and a quiet spot for mother and baby. What a wonderful moment the Pastor may have to all of us in greeting, just a shade beyond the overwhelming job of the organ postlude to send us home!

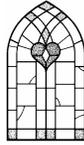
I guess I could close by adding the wonderful final of Lucia went beyond Emanuel to be heard for the first time as the pageant traveled to St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Pittsford, New York for two performances, a "first" for the pageant of such excellent reputation!

*Source – God With Us– 1889-1989, by Norma Westlund Sandberg



Lutheran Social Services thanks Emanuel for its donation of \$250.00, which represents a fresh start and a bright future for the courageous individuals and families they serve.

In Memoriam



Tina Hurt-Scott died on February 20, 2014. Tina was a long-time member of Emanuel and sang with the choir and "Joyfull Noise." A memorial service was held at Rose Hill Chapel on February 27, 2014.

Cheri (Smith) Jarvis died on February 28, 2014. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life was held at Emanuel on March 7, 2014.

May the comfort and hope of the resurrection be with the family and friends of these saints.

A New Baby

Congratulations and God's Blessings to Pete and Taylor Allison on the birth of their daughter, Emery Snow Allison, on Wednesday, February 26, 2014. Proud grandparents are Celia and Dick Allison.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry

Please remember, there are always prayer shawls available for anyone in need of this symbol of love and caring. Speak to Helen Johnson (860-649-6661) or Karen in the church office.



Hands on Hartford thanks Emanuel for its monthly donation of \$916.74. They are grateful for the long and supportive relationship they've had with us and want us to know that our congregation has had a huge impact on the people they serve - many who are struggling in Hartford.

Serving this Month for April

Acolyte and Crucifer

April 6 Rhiannon Kiersznowski and Lindsey Anderson
 April 13 *Palm Sunday* - Cooper Johnson and Garret Buchwald
 April 17 *Maundy Thursday* - Noah Fairchild and Trey Hazard
 April 20 *Easter* - 9:00 a.m. - Volunteers Needed
 11:00 a.m. - Volunteers Needed
 April 27 *Confirmation Retreat*

Altar Flowers

April 6 In memory of Laura S. Wignall, given by Ernest C. Wignall
 April 13 In memory of Julia Olson, given by the Olson family
 In memory of Harold and Elaine Hahn, given by the Hahn family
 April 20 Easter Plants on display
 April 27 In memory of deceased family, given by Ken Weeks

Assisting Ministers

April 6 Barb Berg
 April 13 *Palm Sunday* - Janice Favreau
 April 17 *Maundy Thursday* - 7:30 p.m. - Tom Huffman
 April 20 *Easter* - 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. - Tom Huffman
 April 27 Brook Nowak

Childcare in the Nursery

April 6 Open
 April 13 *Palm Sunday* - Open
 April 20 *Easter* - 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. - Open
 April 27 Open

Children's Library

April 6 Carol Dennler
 April 13 *Palm Sunday* - Deborah Nye-Corgan
 April 20 *Easter* - Closed
 April 27 Nancy Gray

Coffee Hour

April 6 Kurt and Michelle Hazard and family, Chris and Claudia Bellis and family, Jacob and Natalie Fulmer and family
 April 13 *Palm Sunday* - Mark and Karen Obadowski, Peter and Gail Pellegatto and families (World Hunger Bake Sale - Janet Starkes)
 April 20 *Easter* - Eleanor Doyle and assistants
 April 27 Janet Potter, Jeff Potter, Steve and Jennifer Jarvis and family, Edward and Susan Maher

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Serving this Month for April

Communion Preparers

April 6	Val and Craig McDonald
April 13	<i>Palm Sunday</i> - Rae Ann Gremel
April 17	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> 12:00 Noon - Judy and Pete Larson 7:30 p.m. - Ellen Anderson and Rae Ann Gremel
April 20	<i>Easter</i> - 9:00 a.m.- Marjorie Johnson 11:00 a.m. - Bobbee Canfield
April 27	Joan Feldmann and Eileen Mitchell

Communion Servers

April 6	Open
April 13	<i>Palm Sunday</i> - Open
April 17	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> 12:00 Noon and 7:30 p.m. - Open
April 20	<i>Easter</i> - 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. - Open
April 27	Open

Greeters

April 6	Peter, Becki, Brynn, Megan and Brendan Murphy
April 13	<i>Palm Sunday</i> - Susan and Edward Maher
April 20	<i>Easter</i> - 9:00 a.m. - Clifford and Myrtle Bloomquist 11:00 a.m. - David, Wendi, Jacob, Luke and Samuel Johnson
April 27	Kenneth Weeks

Lectors

April 6	8:00 a.m. - Randy Olson 10:00 a.m. - Eric Carlson and Gerry Gabriel
April 13	<i>Palm Sunday</i> - 8:00 a.m. - Becky Thomas 10:00 a.m. - Karen Strand and Linnea Bloomquist
April 17	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> 12:00 Noon and 7:30 p.m. - Marjorie Johnson and Lynn Sherman
April 18	<i>Good Friday</i> - 7:30 p.m. - Alan Meeds and Nancy Gray
April 20	<i>Easter</i> - 9:00 - Kathy Haller and Lee Sherman 11:00 a.m. - Deborah Nye-Corgan and Janice Favreau
April 27	8:00 a.m. - Carol Dennler 10:00 a.m. - Diane Troutman and Jane Wunder

Sound and Recording

April 6	Ben Altschuler
April 13	<i>Palm Sunday</i> - Jeff Potter
April 20	<i>Easter</i> - 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.- Tyler Gabriel
April 27	Eric Carlson

Sunday School Aide Schedule

PreK-K

April 6:	Kathleen and Allyson Graulich
April 13:	Rebekah Strand and Rebecca Johnson
April 20: Easter Sunday - No Class	
April 27:	Lindsey Hopper

Grades 1 & 2

April 6:	Hannah Maynard
April 13:	Kara Gardner
April 20: Easter Sunday - No Class	
April 27:	Kelsey Anderson

Grades 3 & 4

April 6:	Matthew Kloss
April 13:	Jacob Johnson
April 20: Easter Sunday - No Class	
April 27:	Katherine Durant

Grade 5

April 6:	Toby Hollertz
April 13:	Toby Hollertz
April 20: Easter Sunday - No Class	
April 27:	TBD

Ushers

8:00 a.m.	TBD
10:00 a.m.	Head Usher: Arnie Benson; Captain: Mike Coons James Ashwell, Celine Bailey Coons, Russ Bjorklund, Gary Bloomquist



Women of the ELCA Greater Hartford/Central and Eastern CT Conferences 2014 Spring Gathering

This event will be held on **May 3 at 8:45 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.** at Zion Lutheran Church on 531 Woodruff Street in Southington, CT. All women are welcome. Registration is \$20, includes lunch and is **due by April 25**. Scholarships are available. Please contact Lydia at 860-628-5788 or Dawne at 860-919-5060.

Emanuel's 125th Anniversary T-Shirt Sale

Emanuel Lutheran T-Shirts are coming!!!

Help support the Youth Group in this fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering next summer in Detroit. Get your T-Shirts before the Picnic in June! We are hoping to have all members wear them to the picnic and other Emanuel events!

We will be taking orders on Sundays in Luther Hall after the 10:00 a.m. service and we have sample sizes for you to view.

If you have any questions, please contact Wendi or Jacob Johnson at 860-257-1038 or

Order Form for Emanuel's 125th Anniversary T-Shirt Sale

Name _____

Phone _____



Adult T-shirts - \$15

S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____

Total \$ _____

2XL (add \$2) _____ 3XL (add \$2) _____

Children's T-shirts - \$10

S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____

Total \$ _____

TOTAL # of Shirts _____

Total \$ _____

Deadline for orders is April 15.

Please contact Wendi or Jacob Johnson at 860-257-1030 or
wendilj@cox.net if you have any questions.

Altar Flowers—\$45.00

Please use the form below for a flower donation and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Thank you.

In Honor/Memory of: _____

Today's Date: _____

Given by: _____

Date for Flowers: _____

Phone Number: _____

Questions? Call the Church Office 525-0894

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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 a.m. in the Chapel

10:00 a.m. in the Church

Sunday School

During the 10:00 a.m. service